

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 6, 15, 16 and 18 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the substance of claims 3 and 4. Claim 5 has been made into an independent claim (including the substance of claim 1) and now includes the substance of claim 6. Claims 13 has been amended in a fashion similar to claim 1, and includes the substance of claims 15 and 16. Claim 17 has been made into an independent claim similar to claim 5 and now includes the substance of claim 18. Claim 25 has been amended in the manner similar to claim 1. Each of the independent claims has been amended to provide definitions for the claim terms as set forth in the patent specification and as discussed previously in the amendment filed October 26, 2005.

The application now includes claims 1, 5, 13, 17, and 25. All of which are independent claims. It is believed no additional charges are in order for the two additional independent claims due to the application previously paying the fees for six independent claims. However, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

As was discussed during the interviews, the prior art collectively would not suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art the features of now canceled claims 4, 6, 16 and 18, and this supplemental amendment is being made to accelerate prosecution and allowance of these claims, and is without prejudice to pursuit of the base claims in subsequent filings if made.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1, 5, 13, 17, and 25 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: mike@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

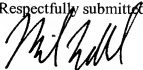
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If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account 50-0510 (IBM-Yorktown).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Whitham", written over the typed name.

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